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Confirmation No.: 4731
Filing Date: April 24, 2001
Inventors: de Rouffignac et al.
Title: IN SITU THERMAL
PROCESSING OF A
HYDROCARBON
CONTAINING FORMATION
USING HEAT SOURCES
POSITIONED WITHIN OPEN
WELLBORES

§ Examiner: J. J. Kreck
§ Art Unit: 3673
§ Atty. Dkt. No.: 5659-08200/EBM

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Application Elements1. ☒ Filing Fee

A Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit for the RCE fee
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2. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, accompanying Form PTO-1449; and
electronically submitted Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

3. Amendments

☒ An amendment is enclosed.

☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37
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☐ Please consider the arguments in the response filed on ___ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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5. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time

6. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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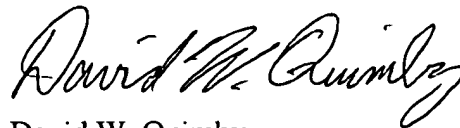
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